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Expressing the sense of Congress that the crisis regarding the Iranian nuclear program should be primarily resolved through diplomatic means.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the crisis regarding the Iranian nuclear program should be primarily resolved through diplomatic means.

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT);

Whereas Iran is a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);

Whereas Iran has agreed to safeguards to ensure compliance with its non-proliferation commitments under the NPT;

Whereas the IAEA has reported numerous concerns with the implementation of such safeguards to ensure Iran's compliance with its non-proliferation commitments;

Whereas international inspections in 2003 and 2004 of Iran's nuclear program revealed significant undeclared activities

with potential application for the development of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the European Union has offered economic and political incentives to Iran to encourage Iran to fully comply with its non-proliferation commitments;

Whereas countries are reviewing military options in response to Iran's non-compliance with its non-proliferation commitments;

Whereas Iran is highly dependent on the international sale of oil for its export earnings;

Whereas Iran is also highly dependent on the importation of foreign gasoline to supply its energy needs;

Whereas, if the supply of gasoline to Iran is restricted, the impact on Iran's economy would be considerable; and

Whereas diplomatic means present the most effective way to defuse the crisis regarding the Iranian nuclear program:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the crisis regarding the Iranian nuclear pro-
4 gram should be primarily resolved through diplo-
5 matic means;

6 (2) if the European Union's diplomatic overture
7 fails, the United States should consider other op-
8 tions, including the restriction of the supply of gaso-
9 line to Iran, to prevent the acquisition of nuclear
10 weapons by Iran under cover of its nuclear program;
11 and

1 (3) such restriction should be administered by
2 a multilateral coalition of countries to enforce Iran's
3 non-proliferation commitments, including non-pro-
4 liferation commitments under the Nuclear Non-Pro-
5 liferation Treaty.

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